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MANUFACTURING THEREOF**PETITION TO REVIVE UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED APPLICATION**Box DAC  
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Applicant respectfully requests the revival of the above-identified patent application, under 37 CFR §1.137(b), that was alleged by the Patent Office as being abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 22, 2000. The abandonment date of this application was November 22, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment of the application was issued August 2, 2001.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 22, 2000, Applicant submitted to the Patent Office; a Communication Re: Missing Parts, a Petition for a Four Month Extension of Time, the Missing Parts Fee, Extension Fee and a Retention Fee, with a Certificate of Mailing of March 22, 2001 (copies enclosed). A copy of the returned postcard is also enclosed.

Further, in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 22, 2000, Applicant submitted to the Patent Office; a Communication Re: Missing Parts, Petition for an additional month Extension of Time, a Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney, the Missing Parts Fee, Extension Fee and the Filing Fee with a Certificate of Mailing of April 23, 2001 (copies enclosed). A copy of the returned postcard is also enclosed.

Abandonment of this application was unavoidable as Applicant timely submitted the requisite papers and fees as indicated above. Applicant submits there is no action or omission to support a holding that the above-identified patent application is abandoned. Applicant believes that the abandonment holding should be withdrawn and prosecution of the application resumed as soon as possible.

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Please charge the Petition Fee of \$110.00, as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(l), and any additional fees deemed necessary, to Deposit Account 19-0743.

Please contact the below-signed attorney at (612) 359-3276 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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